

Following pre-trial proceedings, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16 and Local Rule 16, IT IS ORDERED:

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#### I. THE PARTIES AND PLEADINGS

Plaintiff's second (failure to accommodate), third (age discrimination) and fourth (wrongful constructive discharge) have been dismissed. The remaining cause of action is for disability discrimination in violation of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, Gov't Code 12940 *et seq*.

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### II. JURISDICTION

It is stipulated that subject matter jurisdiction over this action exists under 28 U.S.C. § 1332 et seq, and venue is proper in this District and this Division pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b).

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### III. TRIAL DURATION

The trial is estimated to take 7 days

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# IV. JURY TRIAL

The trial is to be a jury trial.

The parties' jury instructions and verdict form have been filed under separate cover as required by the Court's Scheduling Order. Attached as Exhibit A are the parties' proposed jury instructions and verdict form.

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### V. ADMITTED FACTS

The following facts are admitted and require no proof:

- 1. Plaintiff Mark Snookal was employed by defendant Chevron U.S.A. Inc. from January 12, 2009 to August 4, 2021.
  - 2. Plaintiff Mark Snookal was hired as an Analyzer Designs Engineer.

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- 3. In March 2011 Plaintiff Mark Snookal was promoted to Maintenance Supervisor.
- 4. In August 2013, Plaintiff Mark Snookal's next position was Analyzer Reliability Improvement.
- 5. In November 2016, Plaintiff Mark Snookal's next position was Instrumentation, Electrical and Analyzer Reliability "IEAR" Team Lead.
- 6. In May 2019, Plaintiff Mark Snookal applied for the position of Reliability Engineering Manager (REM) in Escravos, Nigeria as an expatriate assignment.
- 7. Defendant Chevron U.S.A. Inc. sent an "Assignment Offer" to Plaintiff Mark Snookal for the "EGTL Reliability Engineering Manager."
- 8. The Assignment Offer was "contingent upon obtaining work/residence permit clearances" "and Company medical suitability for assignment."
- 9. On July 18, 2019, Plaintiff Mark Snookal completed the "Medical Suitability for Expatriate Assignment History & Physical Examination" form (aka "MSEA" form).
- 10. On July 24, 2019, Irving Sobel, M.D conducted a physical examination of Plaintiff Mark Snookal.
- 11. Dr. Sobel completed the "Medical Suitability for Expatriate Assignment History & Physical Examination" form and wrote: "Fit for Duty with Restrictions": "no heavy lifting >50 lbs. Needs review of recommend letter from cardiologist to clear him."
- 12. On July 29, 2019, Mr. Snookal's cardiologist, Dr. Steven Khan wrote a letter, "Mr. Snookal is under my care for his heart condition. It is safe for him to work in Nigeria with his heart condition. His condition is under good control and no special treatments are needed...."
- 13. On August 15, 2019, Dr. Asekomeh Eshiofe, an Occupational Health Physician at the Chevron Hospital in Warri, Nigeria, completed the "Expatriate Exam Recommendation GO-1769" form stating Mark Snookal was "NOT FIT for Duty", "Remote location. Can be cleared for assignment in Lagos."
- 14. Defendant Chevron U.S.A. Inc. rescinded the REM expatriate assignment offer to Plaintiff Mark Snookal.

15. Or	n or about August 15, 2019, Plaintiff Mark Snookal spoke with Dr. Stephen
Frangos, Chevron	n's Regional Medical Manager for North and South American Operations
regarding the dec	eision that he was "not fit for duty." Dr. Frangos suggested that Plaintiff Mark
Snookal contact I	Dr. Scott Levy, Regional Medical Manager for Europe, Eurasia, Middle East &
Africa who was r	responsible for that geographical area.
16. Di	r. Levy requested permission to discuss Plaintiff Mark Snookal's medical
information with	his treating cardiologist, Dr. Khan, Plaintiff agreed.
17. Or	n August 23, 2019, Dr. Khan sent Dr. Levy an email re: "Patient MS" where he
concluded, "In su	ammary, Mr. MS's risk of serious complications related to his thoracic aortic
aneurysm is low	and likely less than 2% per year. The risk is primarily related to further
enlargement of th	ne aneurysm which can be tracked with an annual CT scan."
18. Oı	n August 24, 2019, Dr. Levy sent an email to Dr. Paul Arenyeka regarding his
conversation with	n Dr. Khan.
19. Oı	n August 26, 2019, Dr, Arenyeka sent an email to Dr. Levy advising in part,
"we should main	tain the restriction based on the issues already outlined."
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21. Oı	n September 4, 2019, Plaintiff Mark Snookal sent an email to Chevron's
Human Resource	es Manager, Andrew Powers re: "Rescinded Job Offer in Nigeria" that he
believes the "dec	ision was made based on a lack of understanding and stereotypical assumptions
about my medica	al condition and is, therefore, discriminatory in nature. As my condition does not
affect my ability	to perform the job duties of that position, I require no ongoing care outside of
annual monitorin	g, working in a remote location does not affect my condition, a complication
from my condition	on would cause no harm to others, and I have no work restrictions from my

22. On September 16, 2019, Dr. Levy sent an email to Mr. Snookal explaining the reason for the rescission of the REM position in Escravos, Nigeria.

physician this decision seems excessively paternalistic...."

- 23. Plaintiff Mark Snookal resigned his employment on August 4, 2021.
- Plaintiff Mark Snookal filed an administrative complaint with the California 24.

The elements required to establish Plaintiff's claim are:

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1	1. That (	Chevron U.S.A. Inc. was an employer;				
2		Mark Snookal was an employee of Defendant Chevron U.S.A. Inc.;				
3		Mark Snookal's has a disability - dilated aortic root or perceived				
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5		Chevron U.S.A. Inc. knew that Mr. Snookal had a disability or				
6		ved him to have a disability;				
7	-	Mark Snookal was able to perform the essential job duties of the				
8		on for which he applied, either with or without reasonable				
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10		Chevron U.S.A. Inc. rescinded the job offer to Mark Snookal;				
11	7. That I	Mark Snookal's dilated aortic root was a substantial motivating				
12	reason for Chevron U.S.A. Inc's decision to rescind the job offer;					
13	8. That I	Mark Snookal was harmed; and				
14	9. That G	Chevron U.S.A. Inc.'s conduct was a substantial factor in causing				
15	Mark	Snookal's harm.				
16	See CACI 2540 Disa	bility Discrimination – Disparate Treatment – Essential Factual				
17	Elements.					
18	c. Key Evidence	e Plaintiff Relies on for Said Claim:				
19	l. Mark	Snookal's testimony regarding his 12 ½ year employment with				
20	Chevi	on, USA, Inc. and events surrounding his application for the				
21	Relial	pility Engineering Manager ("REM") position in Escravos, Nigeria.				
22	2. Docui	ments in Mark Snookal's personnel file, including wage documents				
23	reflec	ing his employment with Chevron USA Inc.				
24	3. Docui	ments regarding Mr. Snookal's application for the position of				
25	Relial	oility Engineering Manager ("REM") in Escravos, Nigeria.				
26	4. Chevi	on USA Inc.'s "Assignment Offer Letter" to Mark Snookal and his				
27	ассер	cance of the REM position in Escravos, Nigeria.				
28	5. Docui	ment - "Medical Suitability for Expatriate Assignment History &				

1		assignment to Escravos, Nigeria.
2	14.	Job Description and Job Requirements forms for the REM position in
3		Escravos, Nigeria.
4	15.	Testimony by Chevron's consulting doctors, Dr. Asekomeh, Dr.
5		Akintunde, Dr. Adeyeye, and Dr. Levy regarding the decision to rescind
6		the REM Escravos, Nigeria job offer.
7	16.	Documents from Chevron doctors, Dr. Asekomeh, Dr. Akintunde, Dr.
8		Pitan, Dr. Frangos, and Dr. Adeyeye reflecting their discussions leading
9		up to the decision to "decline a job transfer to Escravos" for Mark
10		Snookal.
11	17.	Emails between Mark Snookal and Dr. Levy re: rescission of the REM
12		offer.
13	18.	Emails between Dr. Levy and Dr. Khan regarding Mark Snookal's
14		medical condition.
15	19.	Emails among Dr. Levy, Dr. Aranyaka, and Dr. Frangos regarding Mark
16		Snookal.
17	20.	Emails regarding Mr. Snookal's disability discrimination complaint to
18		Chevron U.S.A. Inc.'s Human Resources Manager, Andrew Powers.
19	21.	Emails between Mr. Snookal, Mr. Powers, and other Chevron USA Inc.
20		Human Resources personnel re: Mr. Snookal's rescinded job offer.
21	22.	Emails between Dr. Levy and other Chevron personnel regarding
22		rescinded job offer.
23	23.	Email from Dr. Levy to Mr. Snookal re: the stated explanation for
24		rescinding the job offer.
25	24.	Emails among Mr. Powers and others re: finding Mr. Snookal a new
26		position given that when the REM position was rescinded, his former
27		position had already been filled.
28	25.	Testimony and Expert Report by Dr. Alexander Marmureanu, Plaintiff's

1		expert cardiothoracic surgeon. Dr. Marmureanu will testify that Plaintiff's
2		ascending aortic aneurysm and aortic root have remained stable at 4.2cm,
3		with no significant progression over several years. At this size, in his
4		opinion, the annual risk of rupture or dissection is less than 1% especially
5		considering the stability of his condition and aortic measurements. Dr.
6		Marmureanu will testify given that Plaintiff's work would be desk-based
7		and not physically demanding, there is no evidence to suggest that his
8		condition would affect his job performance or pose an immediate risk or
9		direct threat.
10	26.	Ms. Linda Engel, L.C.S.W. employed by Kaiser provided Mr. Snookal
11		with therapy. She will authenticate her records and testify regarding the
12		therapy and her diagnosis of Plaintiff.
13	27.	Constance Snookal, Mark Snookal's wife will testify regarding her
14		husband's damages.
15	28.	Dr. Anthony Reading, Plaintiff's expert forensic psychologist who
16		evaluated Mr. Snookal, will testify regarding Mr. Snookal's
17		psychological/emotional distress damages.
18	29.	Dr. Charles Baum, Plaintiff's economics expert, will offer his expert
19		report and testify regarding Mr. Snookal's economic damages resulting
20		from the rescinded job offer.
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22	<b>Defendant's</b>	Affirmative Defenses:
23	a. Defer	ndant plans to pursue the following affirmative defense:
24	Direc	t threat defense Health or Safety Risk (Cal. Gov't Code 12940(a)(1) and
25	Cal. Code Regs., tit.	2, § 1106(b)-(e)).
26	Elements Re	equired to Establish Defendant's Affirmative Defense:
27	1. That the lo	ocation of the job was an essential job duty;
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- 1. Whether Chevron U.S.A. Inc. violated the Fair Employment and Housing Act, Gov't Code by rescinding the Reliability Engineering Manager expatriate assignment job offer in Escravos, Nigeria because of his disability (dilated aortic root).
- 2. Whether Plaintiff Mark Snookal's disability posed a direct threat to his health and safety or the health and safety of others.

# IX. DISCOVERY

All discovery is complete.

# X. DISCLOSURES AND EXHIBIT LIST

All disclosures under FED. R. CIV. P. 26(a)(3) have been made.

The parties' Joint Exhibit List has been previously filed under separate cover as required by L.R. 16-6.1 and the Court's Scheduling Order ("Joint Exhibit List"). In view of the volume of exhibits marked by each party, the parties have incorporated in the attached "Joint Exhibit List" all agreements regarding admitted exhibits, and all objections, including the grounds therefor.

### XI. WITNESS LISTS

The parties' witness lists have been previously filed under separate cover as required by the Court's Scheduling Order. The following table incorporates those witnesses that the parties intend to call at trial:

Witness's Name, Title, Affiliation (If Relevant)	Summary of Testimony / Why Testimony Is Unique	Direct Exam (Hours)	Cross Exam (Hours)	Dates of Testimony
Dr. Victor Adeyeye <sup>1</sup>	At the relevant time, Dr. Adeyeye was a cardiologist for Chevron Nigeria who provided an opinion on Plaintiff's cardiac condition.	1 hr.	.75 hr.	
Dr. Ujomoti Akintunde	At the relevant time, Dr. Akintunde was a Cardiologist in Nigeria who was consulted regarding Plaintiff's medical suitability for expatriate assignment. He assessed Plaintiff's medical condition and made a recommendation for Mr. Snookal's condition.	1 hr.	.75 hr.	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> It is anticipated that the testimony of the doctors in Nigeria may be presented via their depositions.

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Dr. Eshiofe Asekomeh	Dr. Asekomeh conducted the Medical Suitability for Expatriate Assignment (MSEA) evaluation for Plaintiff. He determined that	1.5 hrs.	.75 hr.	
	Plaintiff was not fit for duty based on his medical condition and			
	available medical support.			
Scott M. Banks	Mr. Banks is an Assistant Secretary of Chevron U.S.A. Inc.	.5 hr.	.10 hr.	
	and verified various Interrogatory responses on behalf of Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Mr. Banks is			
	expected to testify regarding the information contained in said			
	Interrogatories and factual matters related thereto.			
Dr. Charles	Dr. Baum is a professor of	3 hrs.	1.25 hr.	
Baum	economics and finance at Middle Tennessee State University. He			
	has will testify regarding Plaintiff's lost earnings and lost employment benefits due to the			
	rescission of the Expatriate position in Nigeria.			
Linda Engal		.5 hr.	.5 hr.	
Linda Engel	At the relevant time, Ms. Engel was a Licensed Clinical Social Worker employed by Kaiser	.3 III.	.5 nr.	
	Permanente who provided therapy to Plaintiff. She will authenticate			
	her records and testify regarding the therapy and her diagnosis of Plaintiff.			
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Dr. Shahid Hameed Khan	At the relevant time, Dr. Khan was Plaintiff's treating cardiologist who determined that	1 hr.	.5 hr.	
	Plaintiff was fit for duty for an expatriate position.			
	After Chevron rescinded the offer			
	of Expatriate assignment, Dr. Khan also communicated with			
	Chevron's Dr. Levy regarding Plaintiff's medical condition and			
	risk of cardiac event. Dr. Khan communicated that Plaintiff's risk			
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1 2		of a cardiac event was about 2% per year.			
3	Dr. Scott Levy	At the relevant time, Dr. Levy was	2 hrs.	1.0 hr.	
4		employed by Chevron as a Regional Medical Manager for the			
5		Europe, Eurasia, Middle East and Africa Region. He will testify			
6		regarding the fitness-for-duty medical evaluations for expatriate			
7		assignments. After Plaintiff complained about discrimination			
8		and challenged the decision to			
9		deem him unfit for duty, Dr. Levy reviewed Plaintiff's case for a			
10		second opinion.			
11	Cesar Malpica	Mr. Malpica replaced Mr. Zaheer in Escravos, Nigeria for 4 years.	.5 hr.	.75 hr.	
12	Dr. Alexander	Dr. Marmureanu practices	3 hrs.	1.5 hr.	
13	Marmureanu	Thoracic and Cardiovascular	J ms.	1.5 m.	
14		Surgery. He is Board Certified in Cardiothoracic			
15		Surgery and General Surgery.			
16		Dr. Marmureanu will testify that the clinical data consistently			
17		indicates that Mr. Snookal's ascending aortic aneurysm and			
18		aortic root have remained stable at 4.2 cm, with no significant			
19 20		progression over several years of			
20		monitoring. At this size, in his opinion, the annual risk of rupture			
22		or dissection is less than 1%, especially considering the stability			
23		of his condition and aortic measurements.			
24		Dr. Marmureanu will testify given			
25		that Plaintiff's work would be			
26		desk-based and not physically demanding, there is no evidence			
27		to suggest that his condition would affect his job performance			
28		or pose an immediate risk or "direct threat."			
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Andrew Powers	At the relevant time, Mr. Powers was a Senior Human Resources Manager at Chevron's El Segundo refinery.	1 hr.	.75 hr.	
	Plaintiff filed a complaint of disability discrimination with Mr. Powers. Mr. Powers has also had several expatriate assignments to			
	other countries and Chevron USA consistently paid his salary throughout.			
Dr. Anthony Reading	Dr. Reading is an expert forensic psychologist who evaluated Mr. Snookal.	3 hrs.	1.0 hr.	
Constance Snookal	Ms. Snookal is Plaintiff's wife. She will testify regarding her husband's damages as a result of Chevron's rescission of the Reliability Engineering Manager position.	2 hrs.	.75 hr	
Mark Snookal	Plaintiff Mark Snookal will testify regarding his employment at Chevron USA; his application to be a Reliability Engineering Manager, an Expatriate assignment in Escravos, Nigeria; the application process; the two doctors (Dr. Khan and Dr. Sobel) who examined him who concurred that he was fit for duty; the offer of employment; Chevron's rescission of the expatriate assignment; Mr. Snookal's appeal of the recission decision to Dr. Frangos and Dr. Levy; his	8 hrs.	4.0 hrs.	
	complaint to Human Resources; and economic, emotional/psychological damages suffered by him.			
Dr. Irving Sobel	Dr. Sobel was retained by Chevron as an independent doctor to conduct a fitness for duty examination for the Expatriate assignment in Nigeria.	.75 hr.	.50 hr.	

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Dr. Chen Song	Chevron U.S.A. Inc's economist is a rebuttal witness to Plaintiff's expert's economist.		1.0
Harpreet K. Tiwana	Harpreet Tiwana is an Assistant Secretary of Chevron U.S.A. Inc. and verified various Interrogatory responses on behalf of Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Harpreet Tiwana is expected to testify regarding the information contained in said Interrogatories and factual matters related thereto.	.5 hr.	.10 hr.
Thalia Tse	At the relevant time, Ms. Tse was Chevron's Human Resources Business Partner at the El Segundo refinery. She reported to Andrew Powers. Ms. Tse was tasked with being familiar with Chevron policies prohibiting discrimination and pay for expatriate/rotational assignments.	.5 hr.	.5 hr.
Amir Zaheer	Mr. Zaheer replaced Mr. Snookal in Escravos, Nigeria after Defendant rescinded the job offer.	.5 hr.	.5 hr.

Only the witnesses identified on the lists will be permitted to testify (other than solely for impeachment).

# XII. MOTIONS IN LIMINE

The parties' motions in limine have been previously filed under separate cover as required by the Court's Scheduling Order. The parties have met and conferred on these initial motions. The following motions in limine, and no others, are still pending and at issue:

# PLAINTIFF MARK SNOOKAL'S MOTIONS IN LIMINE

Plaintiff Mark Snookal's Motion in Limine No. 1 – Daubert Motion to Exclude the Purported Expert Opinion Testimony of Dr. Victor Adeyeye

Plaintiff Mark Snookal's Motion in Limine No. 2 – Daubert Motion to Exclude the Purported Testimony of Dr. Ujomoti Akintunde

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1 2	Plaintiff Mark Snookal's Motion in Limine No. 3 – to Exclude References to Third Party Medical Information				
3	Plaintiff Mark Snookal's Motion in Limine No. 4 to Exclude Reference to Plaintiff's Cardiac Medical History After September 2019				
5	DEFENDANT CHEVRON USA, INC.'S MOTION IN LIMINE				
6 7 8	Defendant Chevron USA, Inc.'s Motion in Limine No. 1 to Exclude Evidence or Testimony of any Subjective Opinion or Belief by Plaintiff regarding his past or future economic damages				
9 10	Defendant Chevron USA, Inc.'s Motion in Limine No. 2 to Exclude any Expert Testimony from Dr. Alexander Marmureaneu				
11 12	XIII. BIFURCATION				
13 14	Not applicable.				
15	XIV. ADMISSIONS				
16	The foregoing admissions having been made by the parties, and the parties having				
17	specified the foregoing issues remaining to be litigated, this Final Pre-Trial Order shall				
18	supersede the pleadings, and govern the course of the trial of this cause, unless modified to				
19	prevent manifest injustice.				
20	IT IS SO ORDERED.				
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22	DATED:				
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24	Hernán D. Vera				
25	United States District Judge				
26	Approved as to form and content:				
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	JOINT PROPOSED FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE ORDER				

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4		By /s/ Dolores Y. Leal
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6		Attorneys for Plaintiff
7		MARK SNOOKAL
8	Dated: July 15, 2025	
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10		SHEITARD, WOLLIN, RICHTER & HAWI TON LEI
11		By/s/Tracey A. Kennedy
12		TRACEY A. KENNEDY ROBERT E. MUSSIG
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